

## Trends

Routine monitoring for lead in the atmosphere in North Carolina was discontinued after 1982. However, particulate filters from state and local monitors have been provided to EPA for analysis of lead concentrations, and summary statistics are available for most years from 1972 through 1990.

These records show that lead concentrations in ambient air have been declining for twenty years in North Carolina. Mean concentrations decreased more than 90 percent from 1972 to 1990 (**Figure 16**).

